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1. SUMMARY. LARGE PDC RALLY SUPPORTING STRIKING MINERS PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO EVENING JUNE 19. HOWEVER, STREET BATTLES DEVELOPED LATER DURING WHICH DEPARTING DEMONSTRATORS FOUGHT WITH UP AND MIR SHOCK BRIGADES. UP CONTINUES TO BEAT DRUM FOR TOMORROW' CUT GENERAL STRIKE WHILE OPPOSITION ORGANIZING COUNTERSTRIKES AND SHUTDOWNS FOR SAME DAY. RUMORS ABOUND AS ALLENDE MET WITH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AFTERNOON JUNE 19 THEN CLOSETED AGAIN WITH GEN. PRATS. PDC HAS ADDED ITS SUPPORT TO IMPEACHMENT CHARGES AGAINST MININT ESPINOZA. END SUMMARY.

2. PDC RALLY DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO EARLY EVENING JUNE 19 ATTRACTED LARGE CROWD TO HEAR STUDENT, MINER REPRESENTATIVES LAY INTO
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GOVT. RALLY APPARENTLY WELL PROTECTED BY POLICE AND NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. HOWEVER, AS DEMONSTRATORS MADE WAY BACK TO OTHER PARTS OF CITY, FIGHTS ERUPTED WITH UP AND MIR STREET BRIGADES. POLICE MOVED IN WITH TEARGAS. PRESS REPORTS MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, GUNS AND OTHER WEAPONS USED IN BATTLES DOWNTOWN AND ELSEWHERE. NUMEROUS INJURIES REPORTED.

3. MEANWHILE UP- DOMINATED CUT CONTINUES PLANNING FOR JUNE 21 GENERAL STRIKE AND MARCH SANTIAGO, VALPARAISO AND CONCEPCION PROVINCES. OPPOSITION GROUPS INCLUDING NUMEROUS GUILDS (GREMIOS), STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, CAMPESINO MOVEMENTS ALSO WILL STAGE STRIKES, SHUTDOWNS OF THEIR OWN SAME DAY NATIONWIDE IN SUPPORT OF TENIENTE WORKERS AND IN EVIDENT EFFORT TO STEAL THUNDER FROM EXPECTED UP CLAIMS OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR STOPPAGE. GREMIOS INSTRUCTING MEMBERS TO STAY AT HOME OR GROUP TOGETHER AT VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS, BUT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH UP MARCHERS. FESES SECONDARY STUDENTS ON DOWNTOWN STREETS MORNING JUNE 20, NO INCIDENTS YET REPORTED.

4. PRES. ALLENDE MET WITH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AFTERNOON JUNE 19. UPON LEAVING MEETING, NAVY CINCO MONTERO AND MINDEF TOHA DENIED THAT ISSUE OF MILITARY ENTRY INTO GOVT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, CONTINUED RUMORS MILITARY ENTRANCE INTO CABINET FUELED BY PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN ALLENDE AND GEN. PRATS LATER IN DAY.

5. GOVT HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL SEND TO CONGRESS SPECIAL WAGE READJUSTMENT LEGISLATION FOR ARMED SERVICES AND CARABINEROS. DISSATISFACTION AMONG ENLISTED MEN OVER ECONOMIC ISSUES MANIFESTED ITSELF IN SITDOWN STRIKE BY FACH NONCOMS AND OTHERS JUNE 18. MORNING PRESS REPORTS SHOOTING INCIDENT NEAR CERRILLOS AIRPORT YESTERDAY BETWEEN AIR FORCE GUARDS AND ALLEGED MEMBERS EXTREMIST GROUP, SAID BY SOME TO BE PCCH RAMONA PARRA BRIGADE MEMBERS. TWO MEN TAKEN PRISONER AND BEING HELD BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES (REF B).

6. GENERAL LEVEL OF TENSENESS DEMONSTRATED BY WILFIRE-SPREADING JUNE 19 RUMOR THAT SON OF ASSASSINATED EDMUNDO PEREZ ZUJOVIC HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED. MORNING PRESS INDICATES THAT SON' S TRUCK FARM AMONG THOSE SEIZED NEAR MAIPU IN OUTSKIRTS OF CITY BY MIR AND COMMUNIST- LED CAMPESINOS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS. PEREZ FAMILY REMAINED INSIDE FARMHOUSE UNHARMED. RESPONDING TO PRESSURE OF OUTRAGED PDC POLITICIANS, SANTIAGO INTENDENTE STUARDO HAS STATIONED POLICE AT FARM TO PROTECT FAMILY. MEANWHILE COURT HAS ORDERED INVADERS OFF LAND.

7. IN OTHER JUDICIAL ACTION, SANTIAGO APPEALS COURT FREED

31 STUDENTS ARREST

RLIN JUNE 19 RAID ON CHANNEL 6 TERMING

ARRESTS AND RAID " ARBITRARY" INVASION OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY.

UP PRESS MEANWHILE CONTENDING OPPOSITION STORIES THAT

MACHINERY DESTROYED NOT TRUE AND FEATURING PICTURES LARGE

QUANTITIES MOLOTOV COCKTAILS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM ERSTWHILE

CHANNEL 6 PROTECTORS.

8. ALLENDE TRAVELED TO RANCAGUA TODAY TO VISIT EL TENIENTE. AS

ALL STRIKE LEADERS ARE IN SANTIAGO IT DOUBTFUL THAT TRIP AIMED

AT FINDING STRIKE SOLUTION AS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENCY BUT RATHER

INTENDED TO BUOY UP UP FAITHFUL IN AREA.

9. SENATE SCHEDULED TO VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT CHARGES OF

FIGUEROA AND BITAR TODAY. IN WAKE OF CHANNEL 6 INCIDENT

PDC HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL SUPPORT PN PROPOSED IMPEACH-

MENT CHARGES AGAINST MININTERIOR ESPINOZA.

10. COMMENT. TENSION AND RUMORMONGERING WHICH HAS

CHARACTERIZED LAST WEEK CONTINUES UNABATED, WITH PREOCCU-

PATION ABOUT POSSIBLE CLASHES BETWEEN UP AND OPPOSITION

DEMONSTRATORS ON THURSDAY AND SPECULATION ABOUT ENTRANCE

OF MILITARY INTO CABINET AS PRIME TOPICS OF CONSIDERATION.

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